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SUBJECT: STRONG SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT FROM FORMER DUTCH  
FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL

1. FORMER DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER MAX VAN DER STOEL, IN AN  
ADDRESS IN AMSTERDAM APRIL 18, GAVE STRONG AND EMPHATIC  
SUPPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE  
CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

2. IN A WELL-ATTENDED PUBLIC LECTURE AT THE EUROPE INSTITUTE,  
SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THAT ORGANIZATION AND THE NETHERLANDS  
SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, VAN DER STOEL FOCUSED ON  
THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN UNUSUALLY  
FORTHRIGHT TERMS. DEALING IN TURN WITH US SUPPORT FOR NATO,  
HUMAN RIGHTS, NON-PROLIFERATION, ERW AND SALT, VAN DER STOEL  
GAVE A POSITIVE AND ELOQUENT ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
POLICIES. IN DOING SO, HE DID NOT SPARE CRITICISM OF EUROPE  
--AND THE FRG IN PARTICULAR--FOR SHORTSIGHTEDNESS AND CYNICISM,  
SAYING HE WAS ASTOUNDED AT THE ARROGANCE WITH WHICH THE CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION'S NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES WERE MET BY SOME  
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IN EUROPE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DOLLAR, VAN  
DER STOEL POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS TRYING TO GET AN  
ENERGY BILL THROUGH THE CONGRESS, SUGGESTING TO QUESTIONERS  
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION COULD NOT BE FAULTED FOR LACK OF  
CONCERN.

3. COMMENT: VAN DER STOEL BEGAN HIS ADDRESS BY NOTING THE

SHARP DROP OF THE PRESIDENT'S POPULARITY IN US POLLS AND THE  
HEAVY CRITICISM, PARTICULARLY IN GERMANY, OF THE HANDLING OF  
THE ERW ISSUE. HE SPOKE AT THE TIME WHEN CHARGES OF VACILLATION  
AND BAD HANDLING ARE STILL ECHOING IN THE DUTCH PRESS. VAN  
DER STOEL PUT HIMSELF SQUARELY BEHIND THE PRESIDENT. IN  
DECLARING HIS SUPPORT FOR US POLICIES, VAN DER STOEL AMPLY  
REINFORCED HIS REPUTATION AS AN ATLANTICIST.  
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